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1) Election under 35 U.S.C. §121 and Preliminary Amendment (4 pages)

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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121 AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated January 29, 2004, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-4, drawn to an artificial chromosome including a region of human IgH locus. This election is made with traverse. Specifically, the applicants respectfully submit that examination of the Group IV claims (claims 10-13) along with the Group I claims would not be unduly burdensome. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request that claims 10-13 be examined at this time along with claims 1-4.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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